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## PORTUGAL.

*Report of plague at Oporto for the week ended January 6, 1900.*

[Translated in this Bureau.]

*Oporto.*—December 30, 1899. A case of bubonic plague was reported to-day in this city.

December 31, 1899. Since the appearance of bubonic plague up to yesterday, 284 cases and 107 deaths have been registered in this city. During the past week 4 plague cases and 4 deaths were reported. One case was reported on this date, December 31.

January 1, 1900. No cases and no deaths were reported. It is stated that the epidemic is not spreading, that it remains localized and that it is abating in the quarter attacked.

January 2, 1900. One case and 1 death occurred to-day.

January 3, 1900. No cases and no deaths.

January 4, 1900. One case reported.

January 5, 1900. No cases reported.

January 6, 1900. No cases reported.

From the outbreak to the present date, 287 cases and 108 deaths are reported. During the past week 3 cases and 1 death were reported. No case was reported on this date. The German physician, Dr. Vegales, has arrived at Oporto to study the epidemic.

## SCOTLAND.

*Report from Glasgow.*GLASGOW, SCOTLAND, *January 6, 1900.*

SIR: I arrived here on the night of December 23, in obedience to Bureau orders of December 8, 1899, for the purpose of enforcing the quarantine laws and regulations of the Treasury Department, to be observed at foreign ports for vessels bound to the United States, Cuba, and Porto Rico.

I have the honor to submit the following report:

The day following my arrival was Sunday and the next day was Christmas, so I was not able to call upon the United States consul, Mr. Samuel M. Taylor, until December 26. The consul took me to call upon the officials of the steamship lines as well as the officials of the board of trade, and extended many other courtesies. It being Christmas week, however, it was difficult to see the various officials, as very little business was being transacted.

There are but 3 lines of steamships here running regularly to the United States. These are the Anchor and Allan lines, engaged in carrying passengers and freight, and the Donaldson Line, carrying freight exclusively. Their service is, however, quite irregular at the present time, as a number of these vessels have been withdrawn for use as transports by the British Government to convey troops and supplies to South Africa. The first passenger vessel which cleared from this port since my arrival was the steamship *Astoria* of the Anchor Line. This vessel was to have sailed December 30, 1899, but, owing to a collision which she had on the Clyde, was detained until January 3, 1900. I visited this vessel with the United States consul several hours before the time set for sailing to familiarize myself with the method of inspection instituted here, and to obtain such information in regard to the shipping as I could procure. I inspected the steerage, fore-castle and hospitals,